

On page 5, please amend paragraph [0012] as follows:

--[0012] Left and right first ~~rug~~-lug grooves 4, which obliquely extend from the two first main see-through grooves 2A toward the outer sides of the tire in the reverse rotational direction of the tire and communicate with the second main see-through grooves 2B, are disposed at predetermined intervals in the tire circumferential direction T. Left and right second ~~rug~~-lug grooves 5, which extend from the two second main see-through grooves 2B toward the outer sides of the tire and communicate with and extend outward beyond the ground contact ends E of the tire, are provided at predetermined intervals in the tire circumferential direction T. The first ~~rug~~-lug grooves 4 are offset from the second ~~rug~~-lug grooves 5 in the tire circumferential direction, and many blocks 6 are defined by the main see-through grooves 2, narrow circumferential grooves 3, and first and second ~~rug~~-lug grooves 4 and 5.--

On page ~~11~~<sup>16</sup>, please amend paragraph [0017] as follows:

--[0017] Although a directional tread pattern having left and right first ~~rug~~lug grooves 4 inclined in the reverse rotational direction of the tire tends to collect water in the center side of the tire during traveling on wet road surfaces, the transverse grooves 7 are arranged so as to be in V shapes having vertexes a facing to the reverse rotational direction of the tire, whereby water removed by the edges of the blocks 8 providing water screen removing effects smoothly flows into the first main see-through grooves 2A through the transverse grooves 7. Therefore, in the center region of the tread surface 1, the ground